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OUR FELLOWSHIP

We suggest an expression of Fellowship with us at the beginning of the New Year. "Truly our Fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

—John 1:3.

We urge you to be much in Prayer that neither Church nor State shall forbid the preaching of the Gospel and spreading the Word of God in lands where there are "wars and rumors of wars."

American European Fellowship

EAST AFRICA MISSION

These people of Africa have gods many, but no Heavenly Father. They have many sins but no Suffering Saviour whose blood cleanseth them from all sin! They have sorrows and troubles a plenty but no Comforter!

This morning I passed the door of the hospital. There were, I believe, four heathen mothers with their babies waiting for Miss Shryrock to attend them. The mothers had the usual animal hide or skin hung loosely around their bodies. They had chains and rings and various charms,—but to be clothed with Christ's robe of Righteousness they knew nothing. When they come to her for treatment they do not go away without hearing of the Great Physician and the Balm of Gilead for their poor sin-sick souls! She is called to win souls to Christ, and to nurse sick bodies on the side.

This morning I heard of the sad experience one of the men is going through. He lived in a better house or hut than the average. Instead of mud walls his house had board walls and a grass roof. Sometime yesterday afternoon he shut up his little seven year old daughter in the house and locked the door. When he came back his house had burned to the ground and his little girl had perished in the flames. He had some money burned but he did not seem to care much for that. One of the Christian men stayed with him all night last night trying to comfort him. I do not know if he ever made a profession, but he had been about the mission people for several years. He kept cows and sold milk.

But what a Friend we have in Jesus when such awful troubles come to us, and how sad when any one in Africa or America cannot look up into the face of a Loving Saviour and say: "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom. 8:28.)

And now in a few days, I hope, God willing to be back in Nairobi. We are still praying for a heaven-sent revival to sweep that city. We had planned for a campaign to begin October 1st and close October 15th. But when the war broke out it made a stir in that city. A good many business men were called out and several praying ones whom we were depending on to help. But there is still a great need (is the need not greater in war time?) and we have not ceased to pray earnestly for this revival from God.

Dear Reader, have you ever been through a real revival when many lost men and women, were swept in the Kingdom by the Almighty Power of the Holy Spirit? Oh, let us center our prayers on this Beautiful City in the Mountain.

My address for the present will be P.O. Box 485, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, British East Africa. I shall be Oh! so glad to have a personal letter if you will write to me. In the meantime, keep holding me up in your prayers. In Jesus Name,

FRANK A. McGAW

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

American European Fellowship

It is a joy to keep in touch with the Missionaries as far as that is possible. Fred Stettler is, as you know, busy in his native land, Switzerland. It is a very important work in a needy land. Miss Christoffersen is doing her utmost to get back to France, but God uses her wherever she is. Our friends in Paris (Russian Aristocrat refugees) love her very much and admire her zeal of sincerity.

We are sending literature to the battle lines in France. There is a hunger for God's Word. Karl Faulkner sends good news and is glad to have our literature, but he needs prayers for guidance. His good friend, Dr. Gers, had to take refuge in Italy after settling up his homes in a few days, and leaving a splendid bit of work he was building up.

Wilno, nothern part of Lithuania (neither Nazi nor Bolshevic) is a place of refuge. Some Missionaries have fled there, but details are very few. We still wait and watch in prayer. Dr. Jesakov, Warsaw, is safe and is sheltering several Missionaries. The orphanage is also safe. No news yet about Radosc, but the location is good for protection in air raids. Anyway, we hope for the best. I have known Radosc since the purchase of it and helped Miss Mott, Jean Rhode and of course, Miss Christoffersen. So I love every inch of that property.

Dear friends do not be discouraged or lose heart. God is working out His plans. Hold fast in prayer and give liberally to help the work. The doors will open shortly and relief work will be a tremendous problem. Many are dying. But the Lord will gather out of the ruins of that land some precious diamonds. We must not fail the labourers; give as much as you can; and then give a little more. Your cup will soon run over and then will be joy in many hearts.

God bless the *American European Fellowship.* There are mighty opportunities just ahead.

Yours for souls,

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THANKSGIVING REASONS

OUR MISSIONARIES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA HEAR A SERMON AND CONTINUE THEIR OWN TESTIMONY

Zion Hill, Pa., Nov. 30

We had a rare privilege today,—to hear a sermon by some one else. I do not know how others fare, but we have to bestir ourselves on our furlough to make things go. Yet we praise the Lord for it, because we would rather wear out, than to rust out.

Thus it was that we actually enjoyed a meeting, with lots of testimonies given. It is wonderful, how many things the Lord bestows upon his people. However we noted a lack of praise in one line,—thanksgiving for opportunities to serve. It may be we noticed this lack just because our biggest note of praise was for the opportunity to serve, even here, while our opportunity in the regular work was curtailed. We are thankful that it is not only our experiences that we have to talk about, but can also serve with the Gospel in Missions and other places, where given a chance.

One experience in this line, of last week, had an inspiring sequel. We visited a family in the country, contacted in a meeting, and the apparent need led to a prolonged service, giving Gospel information as the occasion demanded. A few days later Mrs. Lukesh met the minister of the congregation where these people attend services, and he urged an early visit to that family again, saying that the first visit had a particular result. It was the first time that the man of the house was willing to kneel down in prayer,—what nobody else achieved before. And we did not even ask him, nor did we know his case. Now we are to announce our coming beforehand, so they can invite other unconverted neighbors when we come.

Praise the Lord for opportunities like this. It is evident that the presenting of our experiences opens special avenues of ministry, where others can not reach such souls. We regret not to be able to make more such calls, as much of our time is taken for writing, trying to make contacts. Friends would help us greatly by sending in their invitations for us to come—not waiting till we stir them up by our letters; so that we could use that time for more particular work.

The Lord willing, we would spend the Winter in the South, for there are also souls waiting for special contact. It is with anticipation that we are looking forward to that service and pray for open doors and hearts there. Yes, the centre of our thanksgiving is the opportunity to serve and our desire is to be able to serve more, for the night cometh, when no man shall work. Thank the Lord for a car—will not discuss under what sacrifice it was obtained, nor what it costs to run it. What concerns us is the opportunity of added service, and anybody wishing to, may still have a part in it. Also need prayers for strength as we go. We have still the old habit to return at night, after the services, where possible, and that is an added taxing of our strength, including the dangers thereof.

Must not conclude without mentioning the European field of labour. Thus far we still get communications from there, as well as send them from here. Avoiding all political matters, to insure the letters passing the censors, there are still some points of interest in the letters. Speaking of one of our former Sunday School girls, who passed the Normal school "cum Laudem" they write, she is still looking for a place even to take care of small children but all in vain. Another writes about the smallness of the portions of food they are getting on the cards, that they will have to go on pasture—but the place she mentions is practically a desert. Admitting that she is as she was before, in the spiritual ways, there is a note of yearning discernible already in the admission she makes.

About our Tabitha, the missionary twin whom we wanted to adopt, had an encouraging message—she professed conversion some time ago, and now the sister that keeps her for us writes that there is a remarkable change noticeable in Tabitha in all her ways. Also the letter she wrote herself (eight years old) is much deeper than her former letters. She refers to the Sunday School lesson they had about Zacheus and applies it to herself, saying that she is no more as formerly, merely going to meetings and giving—that formality is not enough. She feels she has the forgiveness of the Lord and His joy in the heart. Praise the Lord.

CHARLES and EDNA LUKESH

THE MISSIONARY ON FURLOUGH

From a Missionary of the Worldwide Grace Testimony, Eastern Belgian Congo, Urundi.

A missionary home on furlough is to many a source of great curiosity. Though scrutinized by curious eyes and unceasingly interrogated everywhere with a similarity of questions, he scans the situation and endeavors to formulate a plan of campaign that will make his stay in the homeland a time of great spiritual blessing, inspiration and clarified vision to his own soul and those with whom he may come in contact. Though his needs may be many, needless to say he does not seek employment, nor ordinary means as expedient to the accomplishment of such an end. As a loyal soldier of the cross and a messenger of Christ one enterprise lies dear to his heart for which he has left all and must again and again repudiate the allurements and attractive emoluments of the world. Every opportunity for aggrandizement from which he must of necessity turn away to be of greater and more extensive blessing to the home base is changed to a weighty obligation resting upon faithful, loyal, generous stewards of the Lord. He and we at home are workers together with God.

We expect a spiritual message from him, an enlarged and clearer vision of the existing need of the perishing harvest, of great grace abounding in the presence of universal sin and degradation and of the One who alone can meet every need. If he be a servant with a burning message from God he will expect earnest, faithful cooperation in every God-honoring and legitimate way and in every assembly and gathering it may be his privilege to address. He does not despise the day of small things and yet invitation to address but a mere handful that are not prepared to enroll as prayer stewards nor to support him in the cause of the Master in a way that shall make possible the accomplishment of mighty things for the glory of God is a gross injustice. His most valuable and indispensible assets are spiritual forces, energized and intensified by the prayers of interested, sympathetic saints. To attain this ideal and accomplish this end far more than the satisfaction of idle curiosity is essential, for something of the vastness, costliness of the enterprise with its glorious opportunities, imperative and importunate need must necessarily be known. Are you seeking such enlightenment? Do you desire your church to throb with new life and pulsate with new power? Would you have your heart filled, thrilled and inspired with a holy purpose, a lofty ideal and be drawn closer to the compassionate heart of the Saviour? To make this possible the missionary on furlough has made a tremendous personal investment and is at your service. He offers to you a unique opportunity for rich blessing but opportunity is inseparably connected with obligation. Learn of his burdens and missionary problems. Consult him concerning yours. Prayerfully plan, carefully organize, widely advertise every missionary meeting, gathering or conference. Then catch the glow of His spirit, the constraint of His vision, see the glory of His enterprise, heed the call to His service and whatsoever He saith unto you do it! Rom. 15:29-33.

THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM

Who is this, then, that lies once more today before the world, the Son of God and Son of Man, at Bethlehem? Mary bows down and learns the Incarnation, and feels the solemnity and sublimity of the human life into which Divinity has entered. The wise men come and find their King in this weak babe. The shepherds see the hope of Israel fulfilled, the Saviour come. Oh, on this Christmas Day let us be with them all! Let us feel, thrilling through this humanity which we so often scorn, the glorifying fire of the Incarnation. Let us give up our lives to Him and beg that He will rule them. But, more than all, let us give our souls, hungry and sinful, a Christmas leave to go to Him who is their Saviour, whom they will know for their Saviour if we let them go to Him.

Phillips Brooks

UNEXPRESSED PRAYER

The Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. *Rom.* 8. 26. (*R.V.*)

I cannot always express the longings of my heart. They are often only inexpressible sighings and groanings of the Spirit within. He makes intercession in us in this manner; He does it according to the will of God.

And not only does God answer according to the Spirit-led prayer within, but He also works without, by ordering the affairs of our lives. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Do you love God? Then not only does the Spirit make intercession in you with unutterable groanings, but all things in your life work together for your good. Prayer and providence go hand in hand, guiding and directing our lives.

Geo. Goodman

FROM THE LAND OF LIVINGSTONE

Many years ago my inmost soul was stirred as I read the account of the Scotch boy, David Livingstone, who, when he grew up, went to Africa as a Missionary. He traveled up and down and across the great Continent with the Gospel.

In his later life he came in contact with that iniquitous thing, the slave traffic! He called it the "open sore of the world."

On April 30, 1873 he died on his knees praying God to open the eyes of the civilized and Christian world to the hideousness of the work that was going on in this dark section of this dark old world! His appeals stirred England and America and this horrible crime was stopped.

In 1914, shortly after the World War broke out, I was in London. One day, all alone, I entered the great Westminster Abbey. As I moved slowly down the aisle toward the pulpit, I came unexpectedly on a bronze tablet in the floor. I stopped to read it and saw the name: "David Livingstone." I stood still and for sometime silently wept, as my mind swept back over the events in the life of that hero of the Cross! Among those I hope to shake hands with over yonder is this man—one of the greatest friends and benefactors of dear old Africa. And today I weep again as I am living at 82 in this land, and only a few hundred miles from where he died.

One of that devoted band of black men who were with him when he died at Ujiji, was William Wellington, who died at Mombassa about three years ago —the last living link—connecting our days with that noble Missionary and philanthropist.

In June I heard that there was to be a native (African) wedding. The bride was Miss Flossie Wellington, a granddaughter of this William Wellington. (African name: Chengwimbe).

One of the Church of England workers told me that this young woman had been for several years a teacher in the native school here in Nairobi. So besides wishing to attend a native wedding, my interest in her prompted me to take my camera and go to the Church.

The ceremony was in the Swahibi language, but they used the "ring ceremony" and I thought I knew the meaning of that.

Then I stepped out and got a snap shot as they came out at the side door. While they were waiting for the bus marked "private" I ventured to step up and shake hands with them and say (In English of course) "God bless you."

There were five bridesmaids—three of them were half-grown girls who held up the long white veil. The other two were grown girls and held huge bouquets of flowers. (I am sending with this the photo and a clipping showing the monument erected on the spot where Stanley met Livingstone.)

And now what more can I write? What more can I do for dear old Africa? I try to witness for my Saviour here. I talked with a native yesterday. I gave him a few words in his native tongue and made gestures till I think he knew what I was getting at.

But I am praying for a heaven-born God-sent Revival that shall reach scores and hundreds in this lovely, but almost Godless city. Oh, how we need it. It should raise up a band of workers and fit them to go out over Kenya Colony—Tanganyika, Uganda and over into Congoland with the glorious Gospel of Christ.

Dear one at home, what are you doing for Africa? Not many can go, (Tho' a little over a year ago little Eddie K. (12) came to me at New Milford and told me that God is calling him to Africa). Could it be that God is today calling and ears are too dull or hearts too cold to respond?

How I wish you, too, might see with your own two eyes and know at first-hand how these poor deluded souls are living—in dirt and filth and vice and ignorance and sin, and what the Gospel can do and has done in the lives of some of these men and women.

I believe that Jesus Christ is looking down today in great compassion on these thousands—yes millions of neglected ones living in darkness without the True Light. And He is saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Is. 6:18). I heard His call and obeyed and I am increasingly thankful today that I am in Africa! Will you dear reader listen and "Whatsoever He saith unto you DO IT!" (John 2:5). You can at least give some of your time to intercession—that laborers may be sent out by the Lord of the harvest into His Harvest! Don't forget—don't neglect—don't refuse.

And now finally, a little about myself. I am staying with Mr. and Mrs. Green, where I stayed for seven weeks while Mrs. Green was visiting her sick mother in Darbau. He has been "called up" to military duty, is a signal man and ranks as a sergeant. They are fine Christian people and treat me as kindly as though I was a father to them.

Thank you! I am well and happy in Christ's service.

FRANK A. McGAW

GOD CAN!

"CAN GOD FURNISH A TABLE IN THE WILDERNESS?" PSALM 78:19

In Ps. 78:18-19 we read of the wilderness journey and the constant murmurings of God's chosen people Israel. Here, too, we see how graciously God forgave, when they in their trouble cried unto Him. Yet with all this, it is written, "They tempted God in their hearts . . . Yea, they spake against God; they said: *Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?*" Though God had worked so wondrously for them, they still doubted.

Do we exclaim—Oh, how ungrateful? But, think awhile, are we in this glorious day of God's Grace, any better than they, though the Holy Spirit dwells in God's redeemed children, and reveals the Lord Jesus more and more? Do we not often in our thoughts, and by our actions, say *"Can God?"* This query reminds us of the Serpent in Eden; when he came to our first parents with, *"Yea, hath God said?"* (Gen. iii. 1).

The devil is always seeking to get God's children to doubt their Father; this is part of Satan's work, and a great part, too. Let us beware, for he is still subtle. All doubts originate here; mistrust comes from the father of lies. But faith which believes is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8) to His children. May He enable us to say, under all circumstances, *"God can"* and *God will.*

We remember seeing these two words thus transposed; as a result "God can" has been frequently repeated, *"God can,"* was taken as a motto through the year. It was of much blessing to us, but also full of trial; yet God's Grace was sufficient. "He faileth not," so that at the close I was enabled, by Grace, to say "God has" proved His Word. Yes, every need was met by our Covenant-Keeping, All-Sufficient God. To Him be the Glory, for all is from and by Him.

Dear fellow believers, let it be far from us to doubt our God. He is Almighty—His Word is sure. May we, like Caleb, believe God, however impossible things look, and wholly follow him. When like the Israelites we are hedged in (Ex. xiv.) let us look up, saying, *"God can" open a way*—He will honor faith (Matt. xxi. 21). When the barrel of meal is low, *"God can" increase it* (1 Kings xvii. 16). *"There is no want to them that fear the Lord"* (Ps. xxxiv. 9). *My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. iv. 19).

Do we need special guidance? *"God can"* direct, His promises are sure, *"The Lord shall guide thee continually"* (Isa. lviii. 11). In times of sickness, *"God can" raise up, if it be His Will.* The Lord Jesus "took Peter's wife's mother by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she rose and ministered unto them" (Mark i. 30, 31).

When financial difficulties overtake us *"God can" provide.* The silver and the gold are His (Hag. ii. 8). In times of trouble these words are most comforting, for *"God can" sustain His own* when in the greatest sorrow. We could continue to enumerate the circumstances in which the Lord's people are placed, but we must close. It is enough to know that God's Word abideth for ever. He changeth not. Therefore with holy boldness let each say, *"God can,"* and we shall find that "God does" work wondrously.

HEARTIEST CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christ's Mission:
I came . . but to fulfill . ." (Mat. 5:17).
"To minister, . . to give his life a ransom for many" (Mat. 20:28).
"To preach the good tidings" (Lk. 4:44).
"To cast fire upon the earth . ." (Lk. 12:49).
"To seek and to save" (Lk. 19:10).
"That the world should be saved through him" (Jno. 3:17).
"That they may have life (abundantly)" (Jno. 10:11).
"That I should bear witness unto the truth" (Jno. 18:37).
"To save sinners" (1. Tim. 1:15).
"To take away sins" (1. Jno. 3:5).
"To destroy the works of the devil" (1. Jno. 3:8).

BEST NEW YEAR WISHES

"The God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. To Him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen! (1. Pet. 5:10)."

FRED and MARTHA STETTLER-SCHAUBLE
Biel-Mett (Switzerland)

THE LORD ETERNAL

"Though the fig-tree may not blossom,
Though no fruit is on the vine,
Though the olive crop has failed,
Though the fields give us no food,
Though the folds have lost their flocks,
And in the stalls no cattle lie,
Yet in the Eternal we will find our joy,
We will rejoice in the God who saves us.
The Lord, the Eternal, is our strength,
He makes our feet sure as the feet of hinds,
Helps us to keep our footing on the heights."

—R. W. Graves, D.D.

A LITTLE NEWS FROM POLAND

"ALL EUROPE BLEEDS AND BECOMES A PREY TO GODLESS PROMISES"

Biel-Mett, Nov. 24

Very dear Mr. Smith,

Just got a recent letter from Poland in which the definite hope was mentioned that Radosc was not damaged according to the best information of Warsaw. The person is absolutely reliable. Although she had not personally been in Radosc, she stated that all was well. I have written immediately again to get further and more definite information, but since letters come indirectly and normal mail does not yet function, it takes time. Yesterday I applied again for visa to Poland but do not yet know whether it will be granted. As early as possible I shall leave to see that things go as they should. I tried to send several hundred zloties to Warsaw to meet the overdue wages and care-take at Radosc. As soon as I get down more definite things I let you know.

I shall soon send you a letter. I just returned from two weeks of meeting and thought to let you know what I knew.

With Christian love and greetings,

FRED STETTLER

MISSIONS IN SWITZERLAND

Biel-Mett, Nov. 30

Very dear Friends:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:7).

For twenty-five years we have heard the words "peace,—the peace," such as man understands it. Alas, while they shouted "*peace, peace; when there is no peace*" then there *is sudden destruction.* (1. Tess. 5:3). But there is nothing else left for those who turned down and rejected Christ, Who is our peace.

We have just returned from two weeks of meetings in eastern Switzerland. In three large gatherings I was invited to speak on the theme: "Eleven years of missionary service in Poland." There was a record crowd out and naturally intense interest. In after-meetings many personal questions were asked. How many troubled hearts and how many discussions the theme Poland caused!

After these messages on missions I had invitations into the mountain regions to evangelize two weeks. I felt so much at home in some of the rooms and halls, that often reminded me of the conditions in Poland. Many house visitations could be made and I found willing and thankful hearts. In one case a woman had been attracted to a meeting through the newspaper advertisement. They had been in the Argentine for eight years. Giving a message upon Acts 16 concerning the maid having a spirit of divination, she prayed as good as she could if only her husband would come and if I would only visit her at her home. The next day without knowing anything of her prayer or condition I knocked at her house door perched on a mountain side. I found a soul just wide open for the gospel.

The next evening her husband came. He had dabbled in spiritism and came through it under the power of the evil one. Through the nights he could not sleep. He worked for months on a powerful secret book three feet in height and two in width. On each page were secret spiritistic and cabbalistic signs and words and figures. The book looked horrible. The day after coming to the meeting that man came early at five o'clock up the mountain where I slept and I was gotten out of my warm bed to have a talk with him. He had not slept through the night. He offered to me as a trusted man who would hold this book in honor this, his devilish product.

Three brethren prayed together and then we were just not at all at ease, but we opened the book with "twelve seals" and drawings and photographs and secret signs, and after having looked into the depths of human bondage to the evil one, we delivered it to be burned. How real the powers of hell are! His dear wife came out fully for the Lord. One great victory has been achieved by destroying this secret book. But himself had as yet absolutely no conviction regarding the need of the Saviour or Salvation. He held himself that "God" was in him, but indeed the devil was in him. His dear wife and the brethren as well as ourselves still continue to keep on praying for him. God can deliver.

In a general way one has the impression that many who formerly were sitting among the scoffers are now listening to the gospel, at least with reservation. Some people are getting to think about the present situation, whether after all God speaks through judgments. This year has been bringing much unhappiness among men. Here it has been, since some thirty years, the one that brought so much rain that whole moun-

tain sides have come into sliding. There have been great inundations. There has been a disease in the feet of the cattle. Untold thousands had to be killed and the end is not yet. There have been earthquakes.

We have had mobilization and perhaps a half million men are on the frontiers out of a population of only four millions. It is said that Switzerland has a debt of some eight billions. This makes to every working head more than 4,000 francs. All in all, folks get to realize that God is speaking through it. It was one of the poorest harvests there has been for a long time. God's hand is resting heavily upon poor old Europe. Perhaps men will now listen more readily to God's word. The millions of women at home find it difficult to get through all the work. Undoubtedly many will get to their knees to seek the face of the Lord who has been forgotten for a long time.

It seems that men are aware that the only winner in the present war will be the giant of the east, with its cruelness, about the most dreadful ghost on the European horizon. They just wait till all Europe bleeds to death and become a prey to their sweet yet godless and devilish promises of helping the poverty-stricken world.

At the present time we have some 3,000 gospel tracts in print which will be out by the time you may receive this letter. We have in mind to put them into every home in the vicinity. Now after we have seen what has come over poor Poland we know why the Lord rushed us out. How often the leadings of the Lord are misunderstood! Yet He knows what we are in need of. We praise Him still for His gracious leading out. Nevertheless, we have the second time applied to return, but we are as yet without reply.

Just now we have in mind to select the best gospel story there is to be had and place it in the hands of the thousands of boys between 10 and 13 years of age. We must seek to win them. Another item of prayer is a suitable locality for gospel meetings here and in the neighbourhood. Another matter of prayer is the weekly Scripture text in the county papers. We have again ordered them until January and supplied the texts. When I am away from home Mrs. Stettler takes care of the meetings. It is also our daily prayer before the Lord that He may intervene in behalf of the international situation in Europe. With Him all things are possible. God *can*.

And now we would yet want to thank you and every one who has through the years, and more particularly through this past year so faithfully remembered us in your intercessions and gifts. It was a source of constant inspiration to us and we do not know how we might have gone through the crisis and upheavals without. We do not fail to daily thank God for every one of these co-laborers and friends. Yours, with Christian love and greetings, in *"the Rock that is higher than I"*

FRED and MARTHA STETTLER

REFUGEES FLEE THE COUNTRY

Biel-Mett, Dec. 5th, 1939

Dear Friends:

For some time we have with longing awaited news from Poland about the Christian work among the Jews. Directly we have not received any word but to-day news has reached us. Poland had some three and one half million Jews. One million lived in the eastern sections and it must be figured that they have come under the control of the Soviet regime. Thus about two and one half million have come under the present German government. Hundreds of thousands must be scattered into every direction. Many fled to Roumania, others to Hungaria and still others to Lithuania. It is being estimated that about 30,000 Jewish soldiers were killed in the war. Some 60,000 came into German captivity. Some 120,000 Polish Jews fled to Wilna where it is now estimated that 200,000 Jews must be. That city experienced first the war; after that Russian, and now Lithuanian rule. It must have been chaos among its population. Revolutions, persecution, famine among the homeless and poverty stricken population succeeded in turn. Large numbers of the Jews from Central Europe, it is to be expected, are to be settled in the district of Lublin. From the city of Lemberg (Lwow) now Russian one could read of late that 10,000 had been taken away to be set to work in the Russian coal-mines of the Donetz districts. It must be figured that Jewish mission work cannot be carried on in a public way in districts that have come under German government.

Yours in Christ,

FRED STETTLER

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy."

A HUNDRED PATIENTS A DAY

ARE YOU PRAYING FOR A HOSPITAL ON THE JAFFA—TEL AVIV BORDER LINE?

Praise the Lord the work is blessedly and intensely going on, and simultaneously with Miss Haley's assistance the number of the patients has grown up, so that there are days with one hundred and more patients. Just a few days after Miss Haley's arrival the barricade between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv close to the clinic has been put away and we have now almost the same attendance of sick people from both cities of Jaffa and Tel-Aviv. Please pray that these "multitudes" may be eager not only to be healed bodily, but spiritually as well. Only He is able to feed "the multitudes" as He did being on earth.

Mr. Nowells from Jerusalem helped us several times addressing the meetings in the "Hall Peniel." The Jews like to hear him. He often says to them: "Not I, I from the gentiles have to preach to you about your Messiah, but you from the chosen people Israel would have to preach to me about Christ."

Mr. Cooper and his wife returned after a year long leave from New Zealand. On their way to Jerusalem they stopped for a few days in Jaffa attending our clinic rejoicing that the Lord's work has been enlarged. Praise the Lord!

With the season's hearty greetings,

Yours in Him,

JAMES EWKE

A DAY WITH THE PATIENTS

Box 4140, Tel Aviv
Palestine, Nov. 14, 1939

Dear Mr. Smith:—

Psalm 126:3. "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Miss Dossik, Miss Naftel, Dr. Ewke, Mr. Zelowitz and Benjamin Dossik were at the boat to meet me when we arrived at Tel Aviv on Nov. 2 at 4:30 P.M. Miss Reid was on the SS. Excalibur when I got on at Alexandria. She is a worker in the church which is called "Peniel".

Miss Naftel took Miss Reid to her apartment. The others brought me to Miss Dossik's home, where her mother had a dinner waiting for us. I have been living in the Dossik home until we can locate a desirable room near the Clinic. Mrs. Dossik speaks Russian to me and I speak English to her. It is surprising to us both how much we can understand each other.

"Tel" means "Hill", and "Aviv" means "Spring". It is really very lovely here on the sea; it is blue and quiet most of the time.

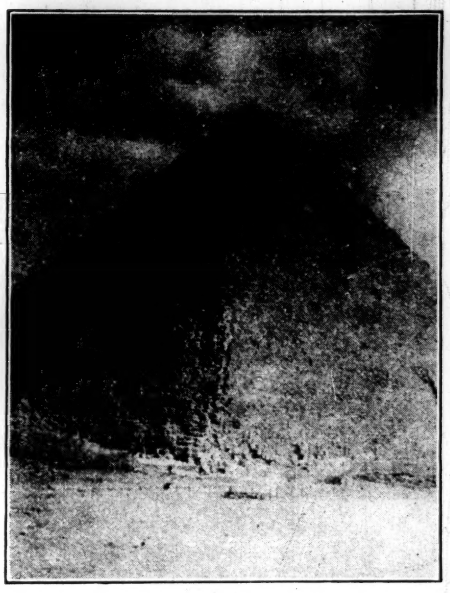
My first day in the Clinic was like a dream. It was all so different from our clinics in America. There are at least six languages a day spoken in the Clinic. At first it reminded me of just a jumble of sounds,—something like the languages of ducks and chickens. Now, after two weeks, I can understand the needs of the patients and can get some of their conversation.

It is fun to know how to say "Good Morning" in six languages. A Jewish lady taught me to say "How are you?" in Hebrew, which I tried on my first patient. The patient was as delighted as I am when I find someone who can talk with me. This lady answered my "How are you?" with a volume of Hebrew!"

I started off to my first Hebrew class yesterday. In one hour I got seven words. There are seven in the class. The others have been speaking Hebrew before.

The barrier between Jaffa and Tel Aviv has been removed, and conditions are tranquil here now. Today was very interesting and busy at the Clinic. Our day started at 7:30 A.M. and ended at 3 P.M. The Clinic doors were crowded when we got there. Our first patient was a young man, who had cut his toe very badly. The doctor anesthetized the toe and removed the nail. At least thirty patients were treated for trachoma. We see many rare diseases, as they come to us first. One woman who had a high temperature and very badly infected eyes was sent to a hospital, being beyond our present equipment and room accommodations. Children are treated, and they in turn bring others. A twelve-year-old Arabian girl came for treatment of her own eyes, and she returned three times with small babies. I think she must have gathered up her neighbors' children.

Benjamin Dossik sits at the doors, his duty being to translate the patients' troubles to me,—that is, the most difficult troubles. I can understand a lot by observation and the sign language. Mr.



GREAT PYRAMID OF CHEFU
(3733-3666 B. C.)
photo by Jane T. Haley

Dossik's translation job is the easiest one he has, as his real work is to keep the file and issue the cards for the patients' entrance and treatment. There are at least seventy patients today.

A mother brought a very sick boy. He had pneumonia. The doctor prescribed for him and sent him home. A seven-year-old Jewish girl brought her baby sister. The baby had a badly infected toe. Her shoes were size 8 on size 3 feet. The little three-year-old brother had infected ears and trachoma, and the dear little seven-year-old girl herself had a sore on her hand. She held her little hand up for treatment after her brother and sister were cared for.

We had a cast to apply on a baby whose foot was malformed at birth. The patients bring their medicine for hypodermic injection and we give it to them. Skin diseases, rickets and many other ailments are treated with electro-therapy. Most of the patients are grateful and are co-operative.

Miss Howda teaches the Bible all day long to the patients. She has been blind all her life, and was educated by the Braille method. She is an English teacher by profession.

I wish that every one of my friends in America could come to visit us here in our Clinic, as did Mr. and Mrs. Cooper from New Zealand this morning. They left us with encouraging words.

The Christians here in Tel-Aviv have been very lovely to me in making me welcome here. We have had a lot of teas and dinners. Miss Reid is having tea for me tomorrow afternoon, as I will be free then and Thursday afternoon, which is my birthday, will be too busy in the Clinic.

My getting to Tel Aviv at this time has been very remarkable. The Lord has answered the prayers of our praying warriors. I got in on the last of the quota for this year. The Lord has given us many friends all over the world. It is good to meet the people here who have been praying for me for over a year. We have been asked to make our letters very brief because the censor has so much to do. I would like to write more. Sincerely in Him.

JANE T. HALEY

DR. EWKE ASKS FOR PRAYER

Jaffa, Nov. 5

Dear Brother Smith:

I am very glad to write you that our long expected sister, Miss Haley, is with us. She made a long voyage from the far United States through Egypt, and now she is in the Holy Land.

After your telegram that Miss Haley had left the United States for Palestine we put a petition before the authorities for a permit to enter into the country, and let me say that the petition was in just the day before the quota closed. Now no permission is given to enter Palestine.

I am not going now to describe you the work, for Miss Haley said she will send you a letter describing it. She has already been in the clinic and in the meetings.

We thank the Lord and His children who helped our sister Haley to come here and assist us and we hope in the Lord that she will be a real blessing for His work here.

I want to tell you that I have received after my last letter to you of 8th October two remittances. We have already paid £15. rent and £4.30 state lodging duty.

I paid to Miss H. Dosik her monthly allowance of £5.60 what is equivalent to the pre-war £.4½ ($22½) and Mr. B. Dosik £3.12

Once again I take the liberty to ask you for permanent prayer for all of us and for His work here. Yours in His name

JAMES EWKE

PHILIP MANETZ RETURNS

LIBERTY OF THE GOSPEL MINISTRY IN CARPATHO-RUSSIA IS BROKEN AT LAST

Bustyahaza, Oct. 27

Dear Brother Smith:—

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." We are living just in the very days and times which the verse above expresses. How wonderful is the Word of God, which tells us the past, present and the future tense. It fits all times and ages, and it was, and is, and will be always, the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. (Rom.1:16;Psa..119).

It is needless to tell you about the conditions of Europe; no doubt you are aware of the political situation of the world more than we are. The darkness is rapidly covering Europe. I mean that wicked communism is reviving and is very popular the world over. The world is ready for the antichrist: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." (John 5:43.)

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4.) In spite of the disturbing conditions, we are still permitted to work for Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own precious blood. (1:5.) God has blessed the testimony of His own precious word. By His grace, we were privileged to baptize twenty-nine redeemed sinners, during the summer just passed, in the district of Maramoros. In the district of Mukachevo where Mr. Gers and Mr. Rybachuk, our co-workers, are laboring, there, too, baptismal service was held and ten professed Christians were baptized by faith. Total were baptized and received into the Christian fellowship thirty-nine precious souls. Praise God. Please pray for these newly baptized members that they may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen. (2Pet.3:18.)

We have enjoyed liberty in the Gospel ministry thus far here in Karpatalja. Much gospel literature, by His grace, we had freely distributed; both among the Jews and Gentiles. And we firmly believe that your prayers and our labor shall not be in vain. See (Isa. 55:10-11; 1 Cor. 15:58.) However, it seems our liberty in the Gospel work has about come to an end. Our fellow missionaries in the Mukachevo district, Mr. Gers and Mr. Faulkner, already were ordered by the government to leave the country. They left their respective fields of labor in Karpatalja and at present Mr. and Mrs. Gers are located in Italy, waiting for God's definite will and guidance. Mr. Karl Faulkner is in Jugo-Slavia; he, too, is waiting for God's guidance. Mr. and Mrs. Miller also had left the Munkacs and at present are located in Budapest.

We, too, Mr. Kovalchuk and myself, have received orders to leave the country within fifteen days. We were falsely accused by the police of working against the interest of the government, and many other false charges they have laid against us. We have appealed our case and are waiting for decision. Our time already expired on September 25th. If we should have to leave there are some difficulties confronting me: my wife is a Polish subject and the U. S. A. Consul had informed me that she cannot travel on my passport. The little baby Mary whom the Lord had given to us is now five months old. She can be included in my passport, so the case is very complicated. Please pray to this end, that God may solve all our problems, and His will be done in all things to His glory. "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness." (Psa. 143:10.)

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have pray for thee, that thy faith fail not." (Lk. 22:31-32.) It seems the days of testing and "fiery trials" approach the Church of God. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Mt. 24:12.) The coldness and worldliness among the professed Christians is overwhelming. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (2Tim.2:19.)

Thousands of Christians, and hundreds of prayer halls and various Christian societies already became the prey of wicked communism in Poland. They are right next door to us! Please pray for us that we may be kept faithful to God and His word even unto death. "Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." (Rev. 3:10.)

We thank God for His sustaining grace and keeping power. God has graciously supplied our every need. We thank you

for the allowances we received. We are also grateful to the dear Christian friends for their prayers and material gifts. God bless them. (Heb. 6:10.)

Please pray for Mr. George Pater, a Christian brother, who is suffering from rheumatism. Pray also for the salvation of his wife.

Continue to pray for Mr. R., who is a professed Christian in Bustino, but his home life is utterly contradicting his profession.

Pray for Mr. P. N., also a professed Christian, but a hypocrite, who is causing much sorrow to his good Christian wife and children.

Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Gers, our co-workers, who are in Italy at present, and have some difficulties in obtaining their visas. Pray also for Mr. Karl Faulkner, who is in the same predicament.

Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who are in Budapest at present, laboring among the Jews. Pray God's blessing upon their testimony. Recent news came that Mrs. Miller is very sick; pray for her restoration.

Pray for Mrs. Kovalchuk, that she may be restored to normal health and strength.

Pray for Miss M. Selody, our co-worker, who is in charge of the little orphanage in the village of Neresnice; she is undertaking great responsibility and she needs your support in prayer and your material gifts.

The Lord has given to us little baby Mary. Please pray that she may be born again from her very youth to His honor and glory.

The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. (1Pet.4:7.)

Sincerely in Christ,
PHILIP MANETZ

LATEST PRAYER REQUESTS

Nov. 30, '39 Budapest, Hungary

Dear Brother Smith:

Just a few lines to let you know I have been compelled to leave Karpatalja. At present I am in Budapest. I expect to sail, the Lord Willing, from Genoa, December 7, on the President Garfield of the American President Line.

I wish to thank you for your kindness and promptness in forwarding the money which I received through the bank here. I am sorry that I troubled you with the second telegram, but the Consul suggested it because up to that date I had not received an answer to my first telegram.

I ask you to pray earnestly for my wife and child, whom I have had to leave behind, for as you know she can not travel on my passport because she is a Polish subject.

Although we appealed our case, my appeal was rejected by the police. I obtained through the American Consul, an extension until the first of December. Concerning Mr. Kovalchuk, so far he has received no answer to his appeal, but it is liable to come any time so please pray for him, that if it be the Lord's will for him, he might remain for he is the only responsible one left to carry on the work.

Please continue to pray for the work there and that God's blessing may rest upon the gospels, tracts, and spiritual literature that have been freely distributed there. Pray also for those precious souls who professed faith in Christ during this past summer, that they may grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18.

Please pray also for our co-worker Miss M. Selody, who is in charge of a little orphanage in Neresnice for she is meeting many difficulties through the enemies of the Gospel. Pray that the material needs may be supplied, and that every child may be born again.

Pray for Mr. Miller and the work which he is doing among his own people. God is blessing his ministry and already, by God's grace, some have professed Christ as their Saviour. Continue to pray also for Mrs. Miller, that she may be fully restored to strength.

Pray also for Mr. Faulkner, whose residence is at present in Budapest. Pray God's blessing upon the ministry which he is doing in the distribution of Gospels, tracts and other spritual literature. He is also taking private lessons in the Hungarian language. Pray that wisdom may be given to master the language in order that he may be freely used in testifying of God's redeeming love to sinners in Hungary.

I thank God for the privilege which I have had for this last few years to serve Him in Karpatalja. Now it seems to me the door is closed for me here, but the Lord knows my future and I believe that He will open the door into another field. With confidence and faith I just leave the future in His hands.

As you know the times are very disturbed and the traveling is not safe at the present time, but we know that without God's will not one hair will fall to the ground, and we know, too, that all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are chosen according to His purpose.

I have with me quite a supply of gospels and tracts in various languages. The Lord willing, I intend to distribute them on the boat. Pray God's blessings upon them.

As far as I know the ship will arrive in New York around Christmas time. The Lord willing I am expecting to see you soon. Sincerely yours in Christ,

II Thes. 3:16. P. MANETZ

CHANGES IN ALBANIA

THREE MISSIONARIES LEAVE THE COUNTRY, BUT MR. JACQUES STILL REMAINS

S.S. Exeter, Dec. 8

Dear Friends:

Home again! And we write this with much gratitude, because we have been kicked about so much during the past three months that we scarcely knew what to expect next. Even now we're writing "home" in anticipation, for we're still on the high seas, but at least we're bound for home.

We had hoped to return late in summer, but were hindered. It seemed then that we would stay on indefinitely. But the new government was bringing pressure to bear on all foreigners, and we scarcely dared hope for special treatment. In August M. Parragh, of Hungary, who had come to help us, and of whom we have written before, was given five days to get out of the country, without opportunity of making any sort of defense, and was shamefully treated at the border as he was leaving. We were thus forewarned, but kept on working. Work in villages had been postponed for a period, but our two colporters had resumed it satisfactorily without hindrance. Attendance at gospel meetings was improving again; we had even entered a new field of service in supplying New Testaments in both Albanian and Italian for each room of three hotels, and were looking forward to extending the work. Ligor, one of the young colporters, and I had just enjoyed a good day of colportage work in a nearby market.

But September 16 changed all that, for on that day we were ordered out of Albania. (Significantly enough, I had begun reading Exodus the morning before). Hope for any leniency seemed improbable, and we feared that a request on our part would lead only to more urgent orders, so we began selling the movable property of the mission and what household furnishings we had. It was a blow. We entered a formal protest with our government, especially because of the mission property, but the State Department had withdrawn its Consulate and Legation, and our matter had to be considered through Rome, with many delays. Meanwhile the Albanian government (now altogether under the control of Italians) had assured us that the Mission would suffer no loss.

The rest of the story is not pleasant. Three weeks of direct, personal dealing with the central government in Tirana, the capital, regarding the mission property convinced us of the impossibility of a reasonable solution. We had further delays. Once the order to leave was revoked but it was impossible, under the conditions, for both families to stay and refurnish even small homes and the mission. Besides, we guessed the motives of the government, and knew the new order would not be permanent. Since it was our turn to go anyway, Mr. Jacques decided to stay, but to send his family home to escape possible war problems. On November 4 we were given our third order, this time to leave within a month. Then even Mr. Jacques prepared to go. Furthermore, the government refused to take any responsibility for the property loss involved. On November 7 *that* order was revoked. On November 15 we left Korce for Greece, having made steamer reservations to sail from Piraeus, bringing Mrs. Jacques and her three children with us, leaving Mr. Jacques to continue whatever work is possible, pending further developments.

We feel a great relief getting out of Albania. It is not the relief of the careless, for we realize full well the new problems facing the few true believers there, and our hearts yearn for them; and we know how difficult Mr. Jacques' work will be. But it has been a trying experience for all of us, and it has left its mark on us. All but our necessary living quarters has been taken over by the military even before we left and, by intimidation, with good will or with bad, the mission may yet lose its property. Through it all we have been very conscious of the grace and the justice of God,—allowing but not forgetting,—and we are content to rest the matter in His hands.

As for our future, we cannot say. We hope, with all our hearts, to return to Albania after a season of rest and deputational work at home, but the European war and internal conditions of Albania may prevent us. We believe that the possibility of further evangelical work in Albania will be definitely decided within the next six months. We are returning now on the Exeter, a small ship, and are due to dock at New York on December 13.

For a few weeks, at least, we shall

be resting at home. After that we shall be open to further service in whatever way God directs. We look forward to seeing many of you personally, especially you who have been sharing in our work by prayer or gift or both, but we have not yet arranged an itinerary. Our address will be simply *Rockfield, Wisconsin,* and we shall welcome your letters.

Mail service from the States to Albania has been very unsatisfactory and we are certain that many of our recent letters were lost or destroyed. We have answered all letters sent to us, and if you have not yet received an answer to your letter you will know that either your letter or our answer was lost en route.

Meanwhile, pray for Mr. Jacques as he continues alone. His is doubtless the greater burden, and we ought to intercede daily for him. And we ought to intercede more definitely for all European missions. They are at a crossroads. We face a great challenge. Let us face it on our knees. Europe is "christianized", but it still lacks Christ. We know.

We wish you all a merry, blessed Christmas season, and a New Year full of new realizations of His indwelling presence, full also of new hope in His visible presence, perhaps soon to be realized. Yours, in the bonds of Christ,
ARTHUR, JEAN and RAYMOND KONRAD
December Eighth,
Nineteen Hundred Thirty Nine

PRESERVED BY GOD

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. *Psalm* 121:8.

As truly as God by His power once created, so truly by that same power must God every moment maintain. The creature has not only to look back to the origin and first beginning of existence, and ackowledge that it there owes everything to God; its chief care, its highest virtue, its only happiness, now and through all eternity, is to present itself an empty vessel, in which God can dwell and manifest His power and goodness.

The life God bestows is imparted not once for all, but each moment continuously, by the unceasing operation of His mighty power. Entire dependence upon God is the first duty and the highest virtue of the creature, and the root of every virtue.

Dr. Andrew Murray

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

December 25, 1939 *January* 1, 1940

In the midst of the noise and the tumult
And the turmoil of everyday life,
And the terrible din of war's clamor
As Nations engage in mad strife;
Mid the hurry and rush and confusion
That ever crowd in on our life,
O speak to us clearly, Dear Master,
The words of Eternal Life.

Mid the trials and sorrows that press us
And burdens oft heavy to bear,
And problems and questions that vex us
And add to the load of our care;
Mid the countless duties and servings
That make up our life every day,
O speak to our hearts, for our comfort,
"Lo, I am with you—all day".

O help us each day, Dearest Master,
To keep Thy Love's banner unfurled,
And show forth Thy Mercy and Kindness
To help win a sin stricken world;
May the New Year be crowned with Thy blessing
As together we work side by side,
And in our own hearts, and all others,
May Thy Joy and Thy Peace e'er abide.

Thos. P. Potter, *Treasurer*
American European Fellowship

BROTHER KOVALCHUK TO ARGENTINA

Bustyahaza, Dec. 9, 1939

Dear Brother Smith:—

Two days ago Brother Philip Manetz left Italy in an American steamship for New York. His appeal to the Ministry was denied and he had to leave Hungary. Today I also received an answer of the same kind and have to leave the country in 15 days. A few days ago I also received a letter from the Consul of Argentina telling that he has information from Buenos Aires. They gave us permission to go there as missionary workers. We are very sorry to leave this field here but it seems to be the will of God for us to do this and to go to South America where the Russian field is large and the need of laborers is very appalling. Hope you had brought the matter of my going to South America before the Fellowship meeting last September and that they had consented to it.

The next week we are leaving for Budapest and from there to Italy. Will write you more from time to time. Am waiting for the allowances for Brother Gonak and myself. Hope you are well.

Sincerely yours in Him,
JOHN KOVALCHUK

PRAY, WORK, ENCOURAGE OTHERS

"THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK"

F. SPENCER JOHNSON

"Ye shall hear of wars . . . see that ye be not troubled" (Matt. 24,6)

Dear Friend of Israel:—

In these tempestuous days we must all encourage storm-tossed souls. Let us hold fast to God's sure promises. How true it is, that the Divine time-piece is the Jew!

The Rev. E. L. Langston has clearly stated: "Our God is certainly working to a definite plan."

Man may do his worst, and Satan's rage may drive millions to ruin, but above the din and smoke of battle we can hear "the still small Voice"—"My Word shall *not* return void . . ." "To the Jew first and also to the Greek . . ." "They shall prosper that love thee."

To every reader of this Prayer News Letter we say: "Keep your eyes on the goal." "Be patient . . . Watch!" "Behold! He cometh with clouds."

"God is working His purpose out,
and the time is soon to be,
When the earth shall be filled
with the Glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea."

Since our last letter was sent out, the Jews have suffered agony and torture enough to fill a huge volume! How can we forget that shipload of Refugees which was sent from country to country, admission being refused again and again. They were crowded on the ship worse than cattle. The most filthy conditions imaginable prevailed. Do you wonder that some jumped over-board in their mad delirium! Shall we not ask our Heavenly Father to teach us *how* to pray for the world-wide persecution of His Chosen people? The Holy Spirit will illuminate the sacred page. Prayer based upon God's Word is the Sword to defeat Satan and his hosts. He fears the Name of Jesus when used in faith; he fears the Cross and the boldness that dares to resist him. Let us not disappoint our Lord. The Blessed Hope of His Appearing should stir us to exercise *HOLY DETERMINATION.* (1 Peter, 5, 8 and 9. Titus 2, 13 and 14).

Our invalid prayer-partners are putting some of us to shame. Lying on their beds in pain and affliction, they are routing the foe with God's mighty weapons. What a grand reward awaits them at "the Judgment seat of Christ!" Shall we not cry, *"O Lord, save me from fear, weakness and lethargy."* Are we self-centered? This is our testing time. If we fail our Master now, it will be a dark blot on our spiritual life. Thousands are dying in cold blood. God looks to us in the Battle "against principalities and powers; against the rulers of this world's darkness." He calls us to stand against the proud flesh of man—the evil nature of dictators. "Fear ye not."

Put your foot down in your Lord's Authority.

Say with boldness — "No flesh shall glory in His Presence." Strike hard! Your Lord needs your deliberate stand like a "good soldier of Jesus Christ."

The Jew must have the Gospel. All Hell would turn him aside to his empty forms and ceremonies. Help to send out the Truth. Pray, work, encourage others. Remember "the night cometh when no man can work." May God fill you with a Divine compassion for lost Souls! Yours, in behalf of perishing Israel,

F. M. SPENCER JOHNSON

Appeals are reaching Palestine from 700 refugees who were on board the steamer Rima when it caught fire. They were taken off by an Italian warship and landed at Rhodes. The refugees are now living in tents in a concentration camp on a rocky part of the island. The majority were landed naked, but were provided with scanty clothing or swimming costumes.

Christian Workers in Palestine call for urgent prayer. There is more subtle Satanic working going on there beyond all that we hear on the outside. Pray against these Arab Terrorists who are actually employed by Satan to keep the Jews out of the promised Land. There are many Arabs who would live quietly and peaceably with the Jews and settle down amongst them, but it is these terrorists who are doing all the mischief.

Pray that the terrorists may be driven out of the Land which was promised to the seed of Isaac and not to Ishmael. Pray that God will intervene and make a way back to Palestine for His Ancient People who have been driven out of the countries of Europe until they have no place for the soles of their feet.

The steamship "Warszawa," from Gdynia, recently arrived at London Bridge with 67 refugee children from No Man's Land.

They are German born of Polish-Jewish parents and were caught on the way

to school or at play in the street, bundled into lorries, and driven to the border. There they have lived in rat-infested barns or pigsties, sleeping on the floors with no covers and never enough to eat.

Dr. John H. Wilkinson says:—"Oh how needy they are! Work amongst resident Jews brings burden of heart, but in the case of refugee Jews, the burden becomes an agony at times. Their sufferings have been so great and often continue so long. When one has felt suffering and learned its language, one is moved to weep with those that weep."

Pray that God's Own Purpose for the Nations may be accomplished. Governments today are up against an awful Organism of Satanic powers. In fact, forces with which no human intelligence can cope, merely tools through whom Satan is working out his purposes in order to obtain World Dominion through "the Man of Sin." (II Thess, 2, 3.)

The Chief Rabbi pleads for help in "The Jewish Chronicle":—

"Let every one send a contribution to the funds of the Religious Emergency Council. It will be accounted in the eyes of Providence as a Kofer Nephesh, 'redemption of soul,' that shall entitle the giver to join in the cry, 'Our Father, our King, open the gates of Heaven unto our prayer, and nullify all evil decrees against us.'"

What can we expect from the Jew when the Chief Rabbi teaches Salvation by good works? May we continue faithful in prayer:—

"O God, our Loving Father open the blind eyes of the Jewish religious leaders! May the Holy Spirit convict of sin and self-righteousness. We thank Thee for the testimony of those who have seen by faith their true Messiah at Calvary! O for more Light and Truth to break forth that Israel shall behold Him 'King of the Jews!'"

Several splendid Evangelical Societies working in European lands are suffering from lack of funds. They desire to help the distressed refugees. Our sympahy goes out to all that Phil. 4, 19 shall be fully realized.

The Polish Legation in London was besieged by anxious enquirers for many days. Friends of those in the danger zone could not get any news and the Officials had no details. Newspapers said that many were killed while trying to help those who had been maimed by bombs from the air. Descriptions of the dead and dying in the streets were simply heart-rending.

SAD POLAND (Later News)
"Famine and Slavery Feared"

Eye-witnesses' accounts of what is happening in Poland, tell a tragic story. No generous mind can read unmoved of outrages all the more terrible because systematic and obviously approved by the German High Command. Civilians and even children are being driven off to Germany to work like the Israelites in captivity. Officers, with Goering's brutes to inspire them, are stealing works of art. Shops are being looted, and a population already in desperate straits is deprived of all except bread and water.

NEWS CONCERNING VARIOUS WORKERS

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gitlin, A.B.M.J., are in America. Mr. and Mrs. Stettler are in Switzerland. Miss Christofferson has been doing excellent work in France, but lately it has been difficult to communicate with her. Mr. Faulkner is in Hungary. Others are scattered abroad like the Apostles of the Early Church. All Societies up to October 20th were anxiously waiting for news from Warsaw, Poland. The death role is rising. Conditions are heart-rending. The need of immediate help is said to be desperate.

URGENT REQUEST
(To Prayer Groups)

Please bring following items before your members:—

1. Special prayer for Missionaries now under the Bolsheviks and Nazis.
2. That the Gospel may be accepted among the large number of sick and wounded.
3. That Jews, Catholics and others may be led to Christ in this hour of trial and persecution.
4. That Funds may speedily be sent out to help the sick and dying.
5. Pray daily that all these terrible conditions may prove to be for

THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Dear friend:

It is very kind of you to welcome us into that fellowship and prayer life you mentioned. We wish you all a Joyous Christmas also. We enjoy reading the magazine you publish. It is so refreshing and interesting. So, there is a place where spirits blend, and friend holds fellowship with friend, Tho' sundered far, by faith we meet, Around one common mercy seat. We will pray for the missionaries and the movement in general. We all need Jesus in these strange, stormy days. "Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world." Praise His Name!

Sincerely yours,

MR. and MRS. PAUL A. SCHWENK

FINLAND'S CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL MISSION

(Excerpt from a discourse by the Rev. Dr. George Albert Simons, Minister of Folsom Avenue Methodist Church, Glendale, Boro' Queens, New York City, delivered Sunday morning, October 22, 1939. Dr. Simons, who spent over twenty years as Superintendent of American Methodist work in Finland, Russia, and the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, had charge of the relief shipment under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions in Winter of 1919-20, the first relief to reach that part of Europe after the World War. He was one of the first Americans to be decorated as "Chevalier of the Cross, Order of the White Rose of Finland, First Class.")

All over Christendom there are earnest people praying these days that the independence and security of "the Switzerland of the North," as Finland has been called, may not be menaced nor destroyed by the Red hordes of atheistic Communism. When President Kyosti Kallio in a recent broadcast declared, "peaceful Finland is trusting that God and justice will defend her independence," everyone knew exactly where the threat to that independence originates.

The "Communist Manifesto" of Karl Marx, the so-called Bolshevik Bible, makes that very clear. Semper idem, always the same, one is reminded of what a certain prophet said: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good that are accustomed or taught to do evil."

Under the heroic leadership of Finland's Washington, as General Mannerheim has been called, a score of years ago, the diabolical pest of Bolshevism was thoroughly exterminated from that Christian land, never to return! Deep down in the heart of every Christian Finn there is a profound conviction that under no circumstances must Finland's blood-bought liberty and independence ever be surrendered and that their country is not only to serve as a barrier to the spreading of Bolshevism in northern Europe but, under God, to carry out a definite cultural and spiritual mission.

Having lived and labored among this sturdy Christian people for years and having the highest admiration for their splendid virtues, I doubt very much that they will ever succumb to an unethical compromise with an untrustworthy power. Quoting the poet, "With the hellish powers no eternal alliance can be made."

Shortly before I went abroad in 1907 as Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Finland and Russia I happened to find in a New York daily a brief editorial on Finland, then a Grand Duchy with the Tsar of Russia as its Grand Duke. It stated that per capita no country in the world stood higher culturally than Finland, there being hardly any illiterates! It was the first country in the world to grant woman the right to vote and to elect her to membership in parliament. Finland has been greatly interested in the temperance movement and had the moral courage to make the experiment with national prohibition for some years.

Two of our hymns in today's service have Finnish tunes, "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius, the musical patriot, and "Suomi," which is the Finnish Cavalry March that dates from the Thirty Years War. The old Finnish epic of "Kalevala," described by Max Mueller as the fifth national epic of the world, provided in part the inspiration for Longfellow's "Hiawatha." Finland has produced more than her proportion of writers, poets, artists, composers, scientists and statesmen as well as great religious leaders. Verily she has not failed the Divine Giver of all good gifts in her cultural and spiritual mission!

EDITOR IN AN ACCIDENT

The January magazine was ready for printing before the New Year, and on Jan. 2 the Editor began a long speaking and visitation journey south. With four addresses already made, on Jan. 8 late in the afternoon his car was struck by a truck in North Carolina just south of Danville, Va., and completely demolished. Unconscious for over an hour, the editor found himself later in the Danville (Va.) Community Hospital, where recuperation has since been going on. The escape from instant death was very narrow and return to normal physical condition after the terrible shock has been slow. With little possibility of collecting damages for loss of the car or for physical injuries, the question of new means of transportation is a serious one. Since this was solely a "missionary" car perhaps our readers will feel led to have a personal share in its replacement, something almost necessary if the editor is to transport his stereopticon, lantern slides, magazines and printed matter to the many scheduled engagements during the next three months. Your help will be much appreciated and will enable the resumption of a travel schedule valuable to the work of the *American-European Fellowship.*

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